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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP: FRENCH PROPOSAL (STATE 212311)

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1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT LACK OF SUBSTANTIAL SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT FOR ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF FRENCH PROPOSAL (INDICATED REFTTEL) WOULD DEPRIVE PROPOSED OCTOBER 7-8 MEETING OF GENEVA GROUP OF ANY REAL CONTENT. ON OTHER HAND, WE WISH TO SUPPORT ANY ACTION THAT PROMISES TO BRING BUDGETS OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES UNDER GREATER CONTROL. FOR SUCCESS IN THIS, TWO ELEMENTS OF FRENCH PROPOSAL APPEAR CRITICAL: (A) COLLECTIVE RECOMMENDATION OF A FIRM BUDGET LEVEL CEILING AND (B) COLLECTIVE DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT SUCH A CEILING IS RESPECTED.

2. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT OPPOSITION OF SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS (AND PERHAPS AUSTRALIA) WILL PRECLUDE UNANIMITY OF GENEVA GROUP ON CEILING AND ANY SUBSEQUENT COLLECTIVE ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF SUCH CEILING, THE ASSURED SUPPORT OF FIVE LEADING CONTRIBUTORS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE CONTROL OF BUDGET LEVELS. ON EVIDENCE OF SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING, FRANCE, JAPAN, AND UNITED STATES CAN AGREE ON CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF FRENCH PROPOSAL AS STATED ABOVE. AS

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RESULT OF SAME MEETING, HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT SURE OF POSITIONS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSIES BONN AND LONDON ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH RESPECTIVE FOREIGN OFFICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ATTEMPT LEARN WHETHER FRG AND UK ARE WILLING TO JOIN IN SETTING OF CEILINGS ON SPECIALIZED AGENCY BUDGETS AND SUBSEQUENT PERSUASIVE ACTION IF NECESSARY. IF RESPONSES OF FRG AND UK ARE AFFIRMATIVE, U.S. WILL BE WILLING TO ATTEND MEETING OCTOBER 7-8. IF RESPONSES ARE NOT AFFIRMATIVE, WE WOULD FAVOR POSTPONING MEETING UNTIL ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT ARE REACHED BY KEY CONTRIBUTORS. ROBINSON

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